

Re: S/N 09/724,978  
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING  
A COMPLEMENTARY USER INTERFACE ON A  
DISPLAY SURFACE  
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Only 1 claim; we will file a preliminary amendment.

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## CLAIMS

- 1                   1.       A method for enabling the display of an image on a video display system  
2   in an area outside of a first display area controlled by a computer operating system, the video  
3   display system having a total displayable area of which the first display area is a part, the first  
4   display area having an original size known to the operating system, comprising:  
5                   allocating the total displayable area of the video display system to include a  
6   second display area by resizing the first display area to a smaller size and allocating the  
7   remainder to a second display area that is outside of the first display area;  
8                   intercepting calls that enable an application to obtain input from or output to an  
9   input/output device; and  
10                  transparent to the computer operating system, dynamically reallocating the total  
11   display area between the first display area and the second display area by swapping the first  
12   display area between the original size and the smaller size to accommodate the intercepted calls,  
13   so that the application can render to and obtain input from the first display area and the second  
14   display area.